

Alaska Community Forestry Grants

The Alaska Division of Forestry Community Forestry Program has granted \$524,000 to local governments and community organizations since 1991. These grants were matched by \$764,000 in local donations and in-kind services for a total benefit to communities of \$1.28 million. Grant funds were provided to the state through the USDA Forest Service. Following is a summary of grants made from 2004 through 2006.

2006 Grants

Craig Middle School Garden Club **\$1,200**

Planted trees on school grounds and cared for trees already in place.

Homer Tree Stewards and Soil & Water Conservation District **1,310**

Purchased equipment for planting and maintaining public trees. Prepared pruning and safety kits for use by Community Tree Stewards.

City of Hoonah **\$1,200**

Held an Arbor Day celebration and planted trees in a new community park.

Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership **\$600**

Planted trees in a downtown park and purchased signs to increase awareness of the group and urban forestry.

Metlakatla Indian Community **\$1,375**

Planted trees in raised beds along the breakwater. Community members sponsored trees by donating funds for tree purchase and ongoing maintenance.

City of Wasilla **\$1,500**

Held Arbor Day celebration and gave information and demonstration of proper tree planting. Purchased seedlings and distributed for planting on public lands. Sponsored an Arbor Day poster contest.



Arbor Day planting in Hoonah.



Homer Tree Stewards purchased pruning and safety equipment for volunteers.

2005 Grants

City of Wasilla **\$2,200**

Purchased a GPS unit for use in updating and maintaining the tree inventory; held tree planting, pruning, and care training; and printed tree guides for city employee and public use. Organized a city-wide Arbor Day celebration and gave away tree seedlings.



Alaska Boreal Forest Council \$1,000

Planted 15 trees in two Fairbanks parks in conjunction with an Arbor Day celebration.

Homer Soil & Water Conservation Dist. \$760

Sponsored a week-long Arbor Day celebration that included tree planting demonstrations, a tour of the Homer Demonstration Forest Nature Trail, and a clean-up of the demonstration forest arboretum. Matching funds purchased 1,100 trees that were given to residents.

Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership \$1,200

Planted 10 trees in a downtown park as a celebration of Arbor Day.

2004 Grants

Fairbanks North Star Borough \$25,000

Purchased GPS and GIS equipment to establish and maintain a tree inventory, wrote an urban forestry management plan, created a citizen advisory committee, and printed *A Guide to Tree Identification, Planting, and Care* for Fairbanks area residents.

Homer Soil & Water Conservation Dist. \$7,500

Revised and updated the Homer Demonstration Forest Management Plan and created a nature trail guide for the forest.

Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership \$914

Organized as a nonprofit organization to promote and support urban forestry in Juneau.

Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership \$5,000

Partnered with the Parks Department to update the tree inventory and incorporate it into the city's GIS database.

City & Borough of Sitka \$20,000

Conducted an inventory of public trees, prioritized tree planting needs, completed several large-scale planting projects, held Arbor Day celebrations, sponsored tree and landscape contest, and produced and distributed a brochure, *Right Tree - Right Place*.



Volunteer foresters inventory trees in a Fairbanks North Star Borough park. Data gathered was used to develop a management plan.



School children learn to plant trees on Arbor Day at South Park in Fairbanks.



Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership members celebrate Arbor Day by planting trees at Juneau Gateway Park.